

## **MINUTES**

Brown County

Land Information Office (LIO) Committee

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

305 East Walnut Street (Northern Building) Room 200

### **ROLL CALL:**

Kerry Blaney	X	Ray Smith	Exc
Bill Bosiacki	X	Lynn Schwarm	Exc
Tammy Castonia	X	Jim Wallen	X
Robert Heimann	X	Cathy Williquette vice chair	X
Pat Ford	X	Lynn VandenLangenberg	X
Tom Hermesen	Exc	Mike Hronek	X
Chuck Lamine chair	X	Bernie Erickson	X
Jim Nickel	Exc		

### **Also Present:**

Jayme Sellen, Jeff DuMez, Laura Workman, and Tom Giese

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

1. Approval of the minutes from the January 16, 2008 LIO Committee meeting

Motion by Bernie Erickson, Seconded by Jim Wallen and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 16 2008 LIO Committee meeting.

### **BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion and approval of a change in the Register of Deeds Recording Fee from a "Per-Page" to a "Flat Fee"

Jeff DuMez and Cathy Williquette summarized the activities of the LIO Budget Task Force, a sub-committee of the LIO which was formed last January. Jeff DuMez said we've been looking at the LIO budget revenues and expenditures to cut more where possible and also to look at new revenue generation. Jeff DuMez provided a handout which included a draft resolution covering the current document recording fee structure as set by State Statute. Cathy Williquette summarized the current fee structure used to fund the LIO. The idea of changing the Document Recording Fee was discussed. Currently, the document recording fee is complex. A simpler \$25 flat fee was discussed. This fee could be broken down as follows: Keep the same amount as what currently goes to the State (\$2); \$6 to the LIO, \$2 to the public access account, and the remainder to the general fund. Cathy Williquette analyzed her document recordings and mentioned that customers may generally pay less for mortgages but more for deeds.

The committee discussed the legislative process involved in changing this fee. Jayme Sellen mentioned that the legislature is out of session until January, and that nothing goes through until then. However, she suggested starting now in order to get the buy-in from the various associations involved in this (Register of Deeds, Realtors, WLIA, Wisconsin Counties, and other associations). Jayme Sellen agreed to talk to the Realtors Association.

Bernie Ericson stressed the need to get a better resolution drafted before proceeding to get it

approved. Staff will work on getting this done, and the Budget Task Force subcommittee agreed to meet prior to the next LIO meeting also to make the necessary cuts on the expenditure side of things.

**Motion by Bernie Erickson to receive and place on file. Seconded by Cathy Williquette. Vote taken. Approved unanimously.**

**2. Discussion on how to proceed with legislation**

Because this discussion took place under item #1, no action was taken.

**3. \$300 WLIA Training & Education Grant**

Jeff DuMez discussed the \$300 Wisconsin Land Information Association grant that we are awarded each year for training and education. The committee decided to put these funds toward the next WLIA conference fee.

**4. Any Other Matters**

Cathy Williquette reported that she had one more buyer for the tract books and when that set was sold the LIO would be paid off and future proceeds would go into the general fund.

Chuck Lamine said that a new Green Bay metro map is nearly complete. This map was coordinated by Tim Hennig, and also work was done by Tammy Castonia from this committee. Other Planning staff members also contributed time as well. The map is sold to the community and is a good revenue source. Also, a Brown County Bicycle map has also been completed and that has been selling fast.

Jeff DuMez said that the new "V2" GeoDatabase is now complete. All of the streets, parcels, and other information that goes into the creation of our maps and GIS functions has been updated and it is now kept current. There is some more training yet to be done, but the Property Listing group is helping to keep the parcel map, addresses, and public land survey system layers on the GIS side up –to-date.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45.